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HAL Director Reaffirms Commitment to Cultural Tourism, Education and Revitalization

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Whenever I talk about the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL), it's easy to excitedly break off on a tangent about this new exhibit or that innovative production. But I'm always brought back to true north with the thought that we carry the flag for the often unsung resources that make a well-rounded society possible.

To be tapped as the department's first director in 2001 was a tremendous honor for me. This office comprises everything I believe strongly in: the arts, education, culture, history, libraries, tourism and, perhaps more importantly, how these vital areas affect the economic development of our state. When Governor Granholm asked me to continue at the helm for HAL, it was by far one of the easiest decisions of my career.

I am a firm believer in the power of culture and the arts to strengthen communities and teach us about each other. I know Michigan is home to a compelling mix of cultural attractions that can and do bring tourism dollars into our state. For example, the Michigan Museums Association conservatively estimates that 14 million visitors take part in museum events annually.

As we focus on the programs and resources that make Michigan attractive for tourists, here are just a few playing a major role in 2003:

Mackinac Island State Parks.

Attracting roughly 1.2 million park and museum guests in a five-month window is a tremendous accomplishment, but

Mackinac continues to be among Michigan's leading draws for good reason. The parks system's four living history parks and museums offer a unique combination of historic learning, entertaining experiences and unmatched scenery.

Auto National Heritage Area.

MotorCities-ANHA is dedicated to preserving, interpreting and promoting Michigan's rich automotive and labor heritage, while providing educational opportunities to our citizens, increasing tourism and encouraging city revitalization. Michigan Historical Center Director Sandra Clark, an inaugural member and current president of MotorCities-ANHA, is heavily involved in the group's efforts to make auto heritage a significant part of Michigan's tourism landscape.

Freedom Trail Commission. This commission's chief goal is to promote and preserve the history of the freedom trail and the Underground Railroad in Michigan. The historical sites along the trail provide a natural framework on which to partner with neighboring states and Canada for a truly comprehensive program.

Summer of Sports. This collaborative effort by the state's seven largest public-history museums offers sports enthusiasts of all ages a chance to see and understand the impact Michigan men and women have made on the athletics industry. Each museum will feature a sports-themed exhibit, geared toward explaining the importance of sports to Michigan's own history, culture and identity.

Another HAL mainstay is information and the access to it. Half the battle in effective education is making sure teachers and students have the tools and information they need to succeed. Two areas of which I'm particularly proud do exactly that:

The Big Culture Lesson. This is a federal-state partnership that introduces teachers and students to Michigan's diverse artistic and cultural resources, while generating sustainable models and arts-integrated curriculum that can be shared with schools and districts statewide. The Big Culture Lesson is a program whose long-term impact far exceeds its actual duration, because teachers and students who take part in it are able to share that information and model future curricula on it.

Michigan eLibrary (MeL). A treasure trove of information resources, MeL will be one key area for continued expansion. MeL offers 24-hour Internet access to librarian-selected subject collections, electronic databases and the LearnATest online series of exam preparation tests for job seekers and students. Another coming project, MeLCat, will allow patrons to seamlessly search for material across the catalogs of participating libraries, meaning a wider search, more matches and ease of delivery to the patron.

Finally, another area rife with opportunity for growth and partnership is city revitalization. On this front, the "Main Street" program should yield encouraging results.

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Michigan Main Street Project. Part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this project is geared specifically to help Michigan communities to revitalize their historic or traditional commercial areas. The State Historic Preservation Office, Michigan Economic Development Corp. and Michigan State Housing Development Authority have partnered to work with select communities to build on their local assets, restore a sense of place and make the most of each area's unique resources and economic conditions.

Clearly, there's a lot going on at HAL! The projects are exciting and the possibilities are many. As we pursue more in-state, interstate, federal-state and international partnerships, Michigan stands to gain ground as a dominant force in the all-important arenas of cultural tourism, education and economic revitalization. I am grateful to Governor Granholm for giving me the opportunity to continue with HAL on the path we've started.

March and April Calendar of Events

Family Activity Days Kickoff
Michigan Library and Historical Center
Saturday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A free day of family fun, featuring activities and the chance to meet your favorite children's book and television characters. For more information, see related article on page 6.

Hometown Hoops Exhibit Opens at the Michigan Historical Museum
Saturday, March 8, through Sunday, Oct. 5

Hometown Hoops is about the people who make high-school basketball happen – players, coaches, cheerleaders, ticket takers, janitors and community supporters. The exhibit looks at what high-school basketball has meant to those who play, coach or cheer and what a team can mean to its community.

Learning More @ the Library of Michigan - Using Census Indexes and Soundexes*
Library of Michigan, Lake Huron Conference Room, second floor
Saturday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 12, at 3 p.m.

Learn how to use federal census records and their indexes from 1790-1930 to build your family history research. Participation limited to 30 attendees.

Boogie for Your Badge
Michigan Historical Museum
Saturday, March 15

Junior Girl Scouts can dance the day away and earn their dance badge at the Michigan Historical Museum! Learn the basics of tap, swing, ballroom, Irish and square dancing. Strut your stuff at the Badge Boogie Ball at the end of the day. \$20 per-child fee includes handouts, lunch, snacks, certificate and badge. \$10 per-adult fee includes lunch, snacks and admission to the Badge Boogie Ball. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Tami Averill, curator of education, at (517) 241-4060.

Learning More @ the Library of Michigan - Michigan Legal Resources Online*
Library of Michigan, Lake Erie Training Center, first floor
Saturday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 26, at 3 p.m.

Learn about Michigan legal resources available online. Participation limited to 12 attendees.

Abrams Genealogy Series - Federal and State Land Records - REVISED INFORMATION
Michigan Library and Historical Center, Forum
Saturday, April 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Vital records program Will be held Aug. 2, 2003

Registration fee: \$10. Part of the Library of Michigan's 2003 **Abrams Genealogy Series**, focusing on the resources available in the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection. Sessions are designed to assist the beginning researcher and enhance the experienced genealogist's work at the Library of Michigan. For more information, call (517) 373-1300.

Learning More @ the Library of Michigan - Finding Michigan Landowners Maps*

Library of Michigan, Lake Huron Conference Room, second floor
 Saturday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 16, at 3 p.m.

Learn about the different types of land-ownership maps, where and how to find records of the first landowners and how to locate these resources in the Library of Michigan. Participation limited to 30 attendees.

Learning More @ the Library of Michigan - Beginning Genealogy*

Library of Michigan, Lake Huron Conference Room, second floor
 Saturday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 30, at 3 p.m.

Learn how to begin your family history research at the Library of Michigan. Participation limited to 30 attendees.

* **Learning More @ the Library of Michigan** is a series of free training sessions offered by the Library of Michigan, focusing on a variety of subject areas relating to genealogy and Michigan. Each session will be approximately one hour in length. For more information, call (517) 373-1300.

***Records Management, Demographic Functions Transfer to HAL***

Helping to advance the delivery of records and information services to Michigan residents and state agencies, a recent executive order (E.O. 2002-17) transferred records management and demographic functions from the Department of Management and Budget to the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). The order also transferred resources from the Department of Information Technology that deal exclusively with population estimates and other census functions to HAL.

"I am confident that the synergy resulting from these programs working together with one voice will be extremely beneficial to all levels of Michigan government and the citizens of this state," said Dr. William M. Anderson, director of HAL. "This reorganization will enable more efficient administration of records management, demographic information and census programs and services."

The functions and personnel involved in the state's records management program have become part of the Michigan Historical Center, which oversees the State Archives of Michigan and its records management and archival records preservation programs. Consolidation of the state's records management program with HAL's other records programs will strengthen central policymaking in the state and facilitate direction setting in all areas of records management and archival practice.

The State Demographer and the census information gathering and reporting functions now fall under the Library of Michigan's new Library Development and Data Services Division. These functions primarily involve gathering information and sharing it with the public and other governmental agencies, so they fit well within the context of the mission of the Library of Michigan, which serves as the official depository and primary dissemination agency for Michigan public documents. This transfer will improve the preparation and distribution of information about recent population growth, demographic shifts and other statistical projections.

Michigan-Made Movies Add Dramatically to State's Economy

Two recent movies filmed in Michigan injected more than \$12 million into the state's economy, according to Janet Lockwood, director of the Michigan Film Office.

"8 Mile" – released last November – brought between \$8 million and \$10 million in revenues to the state, chiefly in the areas of union labor, hotels, construction, office rental and location fees. The new Jeff Daniels' venture, "Super Sucker," (released Jan. 24) generated an estimated \$4 million in similar revenues.

According to Lockwood, "Film and commercial making in Michigan is serious business, backed by talented and serious crew and a plethora of unique locations. The state has always ranked in the top 10 for commercial shoots, and films such as these illustrate our viability as a contender in the top 10 for feature films, too."

HAL Hot Links - www.michigan.gov/hal Michigan Facts and History

HAL recently launched its updated Web site - www.michigan.gov/hal - and in each issue of *HAL Hotline* we'll highlight a different aspect of the site.

Under the **Find It Online** button, check out **Michigan Facts and History** for some great information about the Great Lakes state. This page features a database of Michigan authors and illustrators, information about famous Michiganders and the soon-to-be-introduced Michigan quarter, plus a brief history of our state. Click on **Fast Facts** for quick information on a variety of topics, including state symbols, Michigan governors, counties and stamps.

On the Fast Facts page you will also find a link to the latest feature on the *Michigan History* magazine home page, **"This Week in Michigan History."** (You can also access this feature by visiting www.michiganhistorymagazine.com.)

Giving Michigan history trivia buffs a new online source, this new section at the top of the magazine's home page lists important Michigan events whose anniversaries correspond with that week. From there, interested parties may click on a link to read more about that particular event, person or place.

The dates for each week will go up the Saturday before and will remain until the following Saturday. *Michigan History* will maintain an archive of all dates for future reference, which can also be accessed on the magazine's home page.

Michigan Week 2003 Celebrates Our Heritage

Michigan Week 2003 is set for May 17-26, with the theme "Great Lakes, Great Traditions: Celebrating Michigan's Heritage." Seeking to revitalize this decades-old celebration, we have a new Michigan Week logo and are making strides to ensure greater participation at the local level.

Want to get involved? Visit the HAL Web site at www.michigan.gov/hal and click on the Michigan Week button at the lower left side of the page. We'll continually update this page as information becomes available, so please check back often! A list of statewide Michigan Week activities (as well as a form to submit information) will be posted on this Web site.

For more information about Michigan Week, please contact Jim Schultz at (517) 373-1586 or schultzjh@michigan.gov.

Coming Soon to the Michigan Historical Museum...

Hometown Hoops: High School Basketball in Michigan

March Madness means basketball tournament time in Michigan and across the nation. This season, the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing joins in the basketball mania with a new exhibit, *Hometown Hoops: High School Basketball in Michigan*. *Hometown Hoops* looks at the people who support high-school basketball and what the sport means to them and their communities. *Hometown Hoops* opens March 8 in the Michigan Historical Museum's first-floor special exhibit gallery.

The origins of modern basketball date back to 1891, when YMCA instructor James Naismith invented an active indoor game using a soccer ball and two peach baskets. Basketball spread like wildfire across the nation and, by the late 1890s, Michigan high schools were fielding teams.

"Many of these schools didn't even have their own gymnasiums," said Phillip C. Kwiatkowski, director of the Michigan Historical Museum. "And what may be more surprising is that basketball was actually a popular sport for high-school girls before boys picked it up."

Hometown Hoops traces the evolution of high-school basketball during the 20th century as more and more people became involved in presenting the sport – not just players, parents and coaches, but fans, ticket-takers and others – and shows how high-school basketball often became a focus of community identity.

The exhibit, running through October 5, will be part of the seven-museum "Summer of Sports" partnership next summer, during which travelers can experience our state's sports heritage at the Michigan Historical Museum, Mackinac State Historic Parks, Henry Ford Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, Sloan Museum, Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

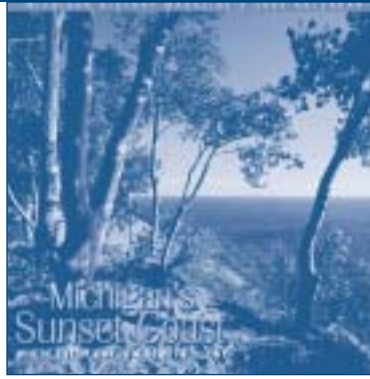


Get "Michigan's Sunset Coast" 2003 Wall Calendar Free

Pass the time beautifully this year with a free copy of "Michigan's Sunset Coast," the 2003 wall calendar from *Michigan History* magazine.

This calendar takes a special look at Michigan's west coast, with breathtaking photographs of historic and natural sites from Ludington, Grand Haven, Muskegon and more. Among the various scenes, you'll enjoy photos of Fishtown, Leland's historic waterfront, De Zwaan in Holland, the Ramsdell Theatre in Manistee and the Charles H. Hackley House in Muskegon. The calendar is peppered throughout with west-coast historical facts.

"Michigan's Sunset Coast" is 12" x 24" when opened. For a free copy, e-mail Kelley Plummer at plummerk@michigan.gov. Available while supplies last.



The Library of Michigan: 175 Years of Page-Turning History

In 2003, the Library of Michigan celebrates 175 years as Michigan's official state library agency, evolving from pre-statehood days as a collector of laws and government documents to the extensive information resource it is today. Since territorial days, through wars and fire, reorganization and relocation, incredible growth and amazing technological advancements, the Library of Michigan's chief commitment has not changed: to ensure the best possible library service to Michigan's citizens.

By serving the needs of the Legislature and state government, our residents, and its partner libraries statewide, the Library of Michigan remains an irreplaceable part of Michigan's landscape after 175 years.

On June 12, 2003, the Library of Michigan will host an anniversary celebration featuring a presentation about the library's history, refreshments and workshops, including:

Getting the Most Out of Your State Library – an introduction to the many services and collections available.

Branches to the Past – a genealogy overview, including a segment on how to introduce children to family history research.

The 21st Century Library – a workshop covering the latest in library technology.

Watch for more details on the Library of Michigan's Web page at www.mi.gov/hal.



HAL Leads Electronic Records Management and Preservation Initiatives

Two recent projects initiated by Records Management Services, one of HAL's newest agencies, and the State Archives of Michigan put HAL at the forefront of exploring challenges posed by the changing and growing volume of electronic records. The first project focused on the management of electronic records, the second on their preservation.

As computers continue to transform the way government conducts business, traditional approaches and tools for managing and preserving records are often insufficient for those in electronic formats.

In May 2000, work began on the Records Management Application (RMA) Pilot Project. This project, funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), was designed to install and evaluate an RMA product, called ForeMost, on the computers of two test groups. RMA software provides a centralized repository for the storage and maintenance of and access to electronic records such as e-mail, word-processed documents and digital images.

Pilot project participants included the Department of Management and Budget's former Office of Support Services and selected agencies within the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Those users who adopted the RMA into their normal record-keeping activities realized significant benefits, such as faster and easier filing and retrieval of documents (hours to minutes), but the greatest success came when the RMA was a part of a broad business process improvement.

The RMA Project Team submitted its final report to NHPRC in December 2002, and it should soon be available on the HAL Web site, www.michigan.gov/hal.

The second initiative focuses on the preservation of electronic records. The State Archives of Michigan is collaborating with the San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) to develop and test preservation functional requirements for electronic records stored in an RMA. RMA software ensures that electronic records are properly retained and destroyed, but it cannot ensure that these records are preserved and remain accessible as technology changes. The NHPRC-funded "PERM Project," which officially began in July 2002, will look at preservation tools. The Project Team published a report in December 2002 containing the functional requirements. This report and a summary of the project are available at the PERM Project Web site, <http://www.sdsc.edu/PERM/>.

For more information about these projects, contact Caryn Wojcik at wojcikc@michigan.gov.

Library of Michigan Hosts March 1 Family Fun Event

Family Activity Days, two weeks of reading and literacy activities in public libraries and early childhood agencies in Eaton and Ingham counties, kicks off with a free day of family fun at the Michigan Library and Historical Center on Saturday, March 1. This event, sponsored by the Library of Michigan, WKAR and the Capital Area District Library, takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes:

- Mr. McFeely from "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood"
Two Performances!
Noon and 2 p.m.
- Fidget the Clown and Balloonist
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Clifford the Big Red Dog
11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.
- Curious George
11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Storytelling
- Make and Take Activities

Family Activity Days is a project of the Early Childhood Literacy Coalition. For more information, call 1-800-585-9997.

MCACA Offers Free Workshops on Arts and Cultural Grant Programs

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) will present a series of free workshops for Michigan non-profit organizations about its 11 grant programs. These workshops will be held around the state throughout March. Registration is not required.

The grant programs covered in the workshops provide funding for arts and cultural projects taking place between October 1, 2003, and September 30, 2004. The next application deadline is May 1, 2003.

Workshops will take place in Battle Creek, Detroit, Port Huron, Marquette, Ontonagon, Escanaba, St. Ignace, Alpena, Bay City, Lansing, Cadillac, Muskegon and Grand Rapids. For a list of dates and locations, as well as more information about MCACA's grant programs, visit www.michigan.gov/hal and click on Grants, then Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

New MCACA Grant Program Teaches "Big Culture Lesson"

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) recently announced a new grant program designed to introduce students and teachers to Michigan's rich cultural heritage and strengthen the connection between schools and cultural resources. "The Big Culture Lesson," a pilot program offering education funding for fiscal year 2003, aims to improve collaboration between teachers and arts and cultural institutions, provide quality arts-based teacher training, improve access and availability of cultural education curricula, and demonstrate the impact of quality arts and cultural heritage education in schools and communities.

The Big Culture Lesson, developed and funded in part through the National Endowment for the Arts' Challenge America Program, is based on the Michigan Historical Museum's successful program, "the Big History Lesson." MCACA invited its four sister agencies within the Department of History, Arts and Libraries to help develop a more collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to address the broader cultural education challenges within our state and to explore innovative strategies to harness the wealth of cultural resources in Michigan.

Key components of the Big Culture Lesson are:

- Ongoing, sustained professional development for teachers
- Teacher-led and student-centered lessons
- Extended time
- Year-long themes
- Parent involvement

Each Big Culture Lesson must include the following four components:

- Residencies
- Teacher involvement and training
- Curriculum development
- Web site

What might a Big Culture Lesson project look like? Perhaps a study trip spanning five days at an arts or cultural institution: teachers and students immerse themselves in learning for a full week of in-depth study, working with artists or experts on-site, followed by teacher-led lessons and reinforced with independent research time in galleries or archives.

The deadline for the first round of Big Culture Lesson grant applications was February 1, 2003, for projects that must be completed between March 1 and September 30, 2003.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/hal and click on Grants, then Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Ann Arbor, U-M Scientists Clone Fort Mackinac Maple Trees

Scientists from Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens are attempting to clone pre-Civil War era

sugar maple trees from Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island. Their goal is to provide genetically identical replacements for the existing trees at the National Historic Landmark.

Cuttings taken from the historic trees last June are currently in cold storage at the University of Michigan facility. Researchers will measure their success in the spring when they find out how many of the cuttings survive the over-winter dormancy period. Mackinac State Historic Parks (MSHP) Chief Curator Phil Porter initiated the project.

"These trees are the last living link we have with the 19th-century soldiers stationed at Fort Mackinac," said Porter. "They were planted for the enjoyment and comfort of the soldiers and are part of the authentic experience our guests enjoy today. Unfortunately, they won't be with us much longer."

U-M Senior Horticultural Assistant Bill Kronberg agreed. After his brother, MSHP Exhibit Designer Dave Kronberg, contacted him about the state of the fort's trees, Kronberg agreed to take on the project and visited the site in June.

"Frankly, I was surprised how stunted the trees were," observed Kronberg. "It's a tough growing condition, with a very thin layer of compacted topsoil over bedrock. For their age, those maples are in an advanced state of decline."

Kronberg elected to use a softwood propagation technique for the cloning process. He trimmed the cuttings and treated them with a rooting hormone. The Matthaei Botanical Gardens provided facilities and equipment, including a misting table essential to maintaining a warm, moist environment for the cuttings.

"Vegetative propagation is difficult with sugar maples," noted Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Mike Hommel. "A 25-percent success rate is considered very good, and that's about where we were at this fall with 11 viable cuttings."



Kronberg will grow the surviving cuttings for at least three more years at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Mackinac State Historic Parks will use the cloned trees to replace the existing sugar maples at the fort as the old trees die.

Mackinac Parks Director Honored with MMA's President's Award

At its recent 50th-anniversary celebration, the

Michigan Museums Association (MMA) honored Mackinac State

Historic Parks (MSHP) Director Carl R. Nold with its 2002 President's Award for Distinguished Service to Museums, as part of MMA's 2002 Quest for Excellence Awards program.

MMA President Nheena Ittner said Nold was selected in recognition of "his dedication to personal and professional excellence in the museum world and for his tireless championing of the values of cultural tourism for the Michigan museum community, bringing it to the forefront of the state's awareness and thereby improving the climate for the entire cultural community."

MMA Quest for Excellence Awards recognize exceptional programs, graphic projects and professional activities of Michigan museums. The President's Award for Distinguished Service to Museums honors sustained excellence and unusual or extraordinary service or support by an individual.

Nold is director of Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of historic site museums and parks that includes Mackinac Island State Park, Fort Mackinac, Colonial Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek, boasting a combined annual attendance of 1.2 million visitors. He is president of the Association of Midwest Museums and served two terms on the board of the Michigan Museums Association. Nold is a member of the Travel Michigan Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the City of Mackinac Island, among many other professional activities.



Our Mission

The Mission of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries is to enrich the quality of life for Michigan residents by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage, and fostering cultural creativity. The department includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office, the Michigan Historical Center and the Library of Michigan.

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